

1 CITY OF CHICAGO

2 POLICE BOARD PUBLIC MEETING

3 September 15, 2016

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5 STENOGRAPHIC REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

6 had in the above-entitled matter held at Chicago
7 Public Safety Headquarters, 3510 South Michigan
8 Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, at 7:30 o'clock p.m.

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10 POLICE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

11 MS. LORI E. LIGHTFOOT, President
12 MR. GHIAN FOREMAN, Vice President
13 MS. EVA-DINA DELGADO
14 REVEREND MICHAEL EADDY
15 MS. RITA A. FRY
16 MR. JOHN H. SIMPSON (via audio conference)
17 MS. RHODA D. SWEENEY

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19 ALSO PRESENT:

20 MR. EDDIE T. JOHNSON, Superintendent of Police
21 MS. CHARISE VALENTE, General Counsel to
22 Superintendent of Police
23 MS. HELEN O'SHAUGHNESSY, General Counsel,
24 Independent Police Review Authority

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1 PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: Good evening,
2 everyone, my name is Lori Lightfoot, and I'm the
3 President of the Chicago Police Board, and I'll
4 be calling the meeting to order now.

5 The first item of business is do I have
6 a motion to allow Police Board Member John
7 Simpson to attend this meeting via telephone?

8 MR. FOREMAN: So moved.

9 REV. EADDY: Second.

10 PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: All in favor?

11 (Ayes in unison.)

12 PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: Any opposed?

13 Mr. Simpson, can you hear us?

14 MR. SIMPSON: I can hear you.

15 PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: okay.

16 The next item for business is approval
17 of the minutes of the Board's Regular Public
18 Meeting held on August 18th, 2016. Is there a
19 motion to approve the minutes?

20 MS. SWEENEY: So moved.

21 MR. FOREMAN: Second.

22 PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: All those in
23 favor?

24 (Ayes in unison.)



1 PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: Anyone opposed?

2 The motion passes.

3 Our next regular public meeting will be
4 on Thursday, October 20th, here at Chicago
5 Public Safety Headquarters at 7:30 p.m.

6 At this time, I ask for a motion to
7 close a series of executive sessions for the
8 purposes of considering personnel matters and
9 litigation, as authorized by Sections 2(c)(1),
10 (3), (4) and (11) of the Illinois Open Meetings
11 Act. Is there such a motion?

12 MS. FRY: So moved.

13 MR. FOREMAN: Second.

14 PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: All those in
15 favor?

16 (Ayes in unison.)

17 PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: Any opposed?

18 The motion passes.

19 A report of disciplinary actions taken
20 by the Board during the previous month has been
21 made available at this evening's meeting. This
22 report and the Board's written Findings and
23 Decisions are posted on the Board's website.

24 The Police Board, as authorized by the



1 Open Meetings Act, has considered in a closed
2 meeting two disciplinary cases. The Board will
3 now take final action on these cases.

4 Regarding Case No. 16 PB 2899, is there
5 a motion to find Police Officer John Loconsole
6 guilty of violating Department rules by working
7 secondary employment while on the medical roll
8 and to suspend him for 18 months?

9 MS. FRY: So moved.

10 MR. FOREMAN: Second.

11 PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: All in favor?

12 (Ayes in unison.)

13 PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: We need to have a
14 show of hands.

15 Any opposed? None.

16 Voting in favor are Board Members
17 Foreman, Delgado, Eaddy, Fry, Simpson, Sweeney
18 and myself. The motion passes by a unanimous
19 vote.

20 Is there a motion to adopt the written
21 findings and decision that has been reviewed by
22 all Board members who participated in the case?

23 MS. FRY: So moved.

24 REV. EADDY: Second.



1 PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: All in favor?

2 (Ayes in unison.)

3 PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: Any opposed?

4 The motion passes.

5 Regarding Case No. 16 PB 2903, is there
6 a motion to find Police Officer Dana Bryant
7 guilty of making false statements to an officer
8 and a sergeant in the Medical Services Section
9 and to discharge her from the Chicago Police
10 Department?

11 MS. FRY: So moved.

12 MS. DELGADO: Second.

13 PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: All in favor may
14 I have a show of hands of all those in favor?
15 That's Lightfoot, Foreman, Delgado, Fry and
16 Sweeney voting in favor.

17 And those opposed?

18 MR. SIMPSON: I respectfully dissent.

19 PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: That's Reverend
20 Eaddy and John Simpson voting against.

21 MR. SIMPSON: Ms. Lightfoot, I oppose
22 the termination.

23 PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: And, Reverend
24 Eaddy, you also vote opposed, is that correct?



1 REV. EADDY: Yes.

2 PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: Those who voted
3 in favor of guilt are Board members Foreman,
4 Delgado, Fry, Sweeney and myself. Board members
5 Eaddy and Simpson oppose the termination
6 decision. The motion passes by a vote of 5 to
7 2.

8 Is there a motion to adopt the written
9 findings and decisions, including the dissent,
10 that has been reviewed by all Board members who
11 participated in the case?

12 MS. FRY: So moved.

13 MR. FOREMAN: Second.

14 PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: All in favor?

15 (Ayes in unison.)

16 PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: Any opposed?

17 That motion passes by a unanimous vote.

18 The Board's decisions in the cases on
19 which we took final action this evening will be
20 entered as of today's date, and will be issued
21 to the parties. A copy of each of the written
22 decisions will be posted on the Board's website
23 within 10 business days pursuant to the
24 Municipal Code of Chicago.



1 I now call on Board member Foreman.

2 MR. FOREMAN: Three-member panel case
3 16 RP 02, Michael Mette, pursuant to Section
4 2-57-060(c) of the Municipal Code of Chicago, a
5 panel of three members of the Police Board has
6 considered in a closed meeting, as authorized by
7 the Open Meetings Act, one matter on which the
8 Chief Administrator of the Independent Police
9 Review Authority and the Superintendent of
10 Police did not agree regarding the discipline of
11 a police officer. The members of the panel,
12 Board members Delgado, Simpson and myself, will
13 now take action to resolve the issue regarding
14 the recommendations for discipline.

15 Regarding case number 16 RP 02, which
16 involves allegations of the use of excessive
17 force by Police Officer Michael Mette, is there
18 a motion to find that the Superintendent's
19 response does not meet the burden --

20 PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: One moment, we're
21 having technical difficulty.

22 MR. SIMPSON: Hello. I'm sorry, we got
23 cut off.

24 PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: Let me just say



1 for the record Board member Simpson has rejoined
2 us.

3 MR. FOREMAN: Regarding case 16 RP 02,
4 which involves allegations of the use of
5 excessive force by Police Officer Michael
6 Mette, is there a motion to find that the
7 Superintendent's response does not meet the
8 burden of overcoming the Chief Administrator's
9 recommendation for discipline?

10 MS. DELGADO: So moved.

11 MR. SIMPSON: Second.

12 MR. FOREMAN: All in favor?

13 (Ayes in unison.)

14 MR. FOREMAN: The motion passes by a
15 unanimous vote.

16 PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: The general
17 orders and other directives issued by the
18 Superintendent of Police during the previous
19 month are listed in the blue books and are
20 available on the Police Department's website.

21 The next item is the Superintendent's
22 report to the Board. Superintendent, will you
23 be giving a report or will we take that under
24 advisement?



1 SUPERINTENDENT JOHNSON: No, no report.

2 PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: Is there a motion
3 to waive the oral presentation and receive the
4 monthly report in writing?

5 MS. FRY: So moved.

6 REV. EADDY: Second.

7 PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: All those in
8 favor?

9 (Ayes in unison.)

10 PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: Any opposed?

11 The motion passes.

12 I will now call upon those members of
13 the public who signed up in advance to speak.
14 When your name is called, please step up to the
15 microphone. And again, we ask you that you
16 limit your comments to two minutes in deference
17 to the other folks who will be coming before
18 you -- coming after you.

19 The first person is Beatrice Suarez.

20 Ms. Suarez, are you in attendance?

21 Passing and going next to Ms. Dorothy
22 Holmes. Ms. Holmes, are you here? Pass.

23 The next person is Christa Noel. I
24 think I saw her come in.



1 Good evening, Ms. Noel.

2 MS. NOEL: Good evening, everyone. How
3 are you? The report on -- the report from the
4 United Nations Working Group of Experts on
5 People of African Descent on its mission to the
6 United States of America, I'm not sure if you
7 know, but they came here in January of this
8 year, and this is their final report. And I
9 just have a few things I wanted to read from it.

10 The working Group considers that Civil
11 Rights laws are not being -- working group
12 that -- working group considers that Civil
13 Rights laws are not being fully implemented.
14 And even if fully implemented, they are
15 insufficient to overcome and transform the
16 institutional and structural racial
17 discrimination and racism against African
18 descended people. Mass incarceration, police
19 violence, housing segregation, disparity and the
20 quality of education, labor markets
21 segmentation, political disenfranchisement and
22 environmental degradation continue to have
23 detrimental impacts on people of African descent
24 despite the application of Civil Rights laws.



1 Under manifestations of racial
2 discrimination, the criminal justice system and
3 barriers to civil and political participation,
4 the working Group is deeply concerned that the
5 alarming levels of police brutality and
6 excessive use of lethal force by law enforcement
7 officials committed with impunity against people
8 of African descent in the United States. In
9 addition, the most recent and well-known cases
10 of killings of unarmed African Americans, such
11 as the cases of Eric Garner, Michael Brown,
12 Tamir Rice, Walter Scott, Freddie Gray, and
13 Laquan McDonald, the working Group received
14 information about many other similar cases.

15 The working Group met with a
16 considerable number of relatives of African
17 Americans allegedly killed by police officers,
18 they were actually killed by police officers,
19 but they say allegedly. They are still seeking
20 justice for their loves ones, including Tyron
21 West, Tyron Lewis, Jonathan Sanders, Oscar
22 Grant, Tony Robinson, Marion Brown, India Kager,
23 Ronald Johnson, that's Dorothy's son, Mohamed
24 Bah, Rekia Boyd, you know her, Sandra Bland, you



1 know her, and Alonso Smith.

2 They also -- and I'll be sending you
3 guys this report. You all want it?

4 (Board Members replied yes.)

5 MS. NOEL: The Working Group was
6 informed that the war on drugs has had a
7 devastating impact on African Americans, and the
8 mass incarceration was considered a system of
9 racial control that operated in similar ways to
10 how Jim Crow laws once operated.

11 MR. FOREMAN: Thank you.

12 MS. NOEL: I'll send it out. Anybody
13 want this copy?

14 PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: You can give it
15 to Mr. Caproni and he'll circulate it.

16 The next speaker is Darva Watkins. Is
17 Ms. Watkins here?

18 The next speaker is Queen Sister. Is
19 she here?

20 And our final speaker is Robert More.
21 Is Mr. More here?

22 At this time all persons who have
23 signed up in advance to speak have been called
24 or recognized. Is there a motion to adjourn?



1 MS. FRY: So moved.

2 MR. FOREMAN: Second.

3 PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: All in favor?

4 (Ayes in unison.)

5 (Whereupon, the public meeting

6 of the Chicago Police Board

7 adjourned at 7:43 p.m.)

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Karen Fatigato, being first duly sworn,
on oath says that she is a court reporter doing
business in the City of Chicago; and that she
reported in shorthand the proceedings of said
public meeting, and that the foregoing is a true
and correct transcript of her shorthand notes so
taken as aforesaid, and contains the proceedings
given at said public meeting.

Karen Fatigato

Karen Fatigato, CSR
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